

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising: a chassis including a liquid impervious backsheet and a liquid pervious topsheet; and an absorbent core located between said backsheet and said topsheet wherein said absorbent core comprises:
 - a. first and second substrate layers;
 - b. a discontinuous layer of absorbent material deposited on said first and second substrate layers; and
 - c. a thermoplastic material, wherein said thermoplastic material contacts at least portions of said absorbent material and at least portions of said first and second substrate layers forming areas of junction where said thermoplastic material contacts said substrate layers in order to immobilize said absorbent material on said first and second substrate layers,wherein said first and second substrate layers are combined together such that said thermoplastic material of each said first and second substrate layers contact one another and such that said absorbent material of said first substrate layer faces said areas of junction of said second substrate layer and said absorbent material of said second substrate layer faces said areas of junction of said first substrate layer, such that said areas of junction are offset wherein said first and second substrate layers do not contact each other;
wherein said absorbent material comprises an absorbent polymer wherein said absorbent polymer material is immobilized when wet such that said absorbent core achieves a wet immobilization of more than about 50% according to the Wet Immobilization Test described herein.
2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material is a hot melt adhesive.
4. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material is fiberized.
5. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material substantially immobilizes said absorbent polymers.
6. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1, the absorbent core having a distribution of absorbent polymer material wherein the distribution of absorbent polymer material is profiled.
7. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said absorbent polymer material is present throughout the area of said absorbent core in an average basis weight of at least about 100 g/m^2 .
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said substrate layers comprises a permanently hydrophilic non-woven.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to claim 1 having a crotch width of less than about 80 mm.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 1, further comprising an auxiliary adhesive to improve the adhesion of the thermoplastic layer.

22. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent polymer material is immobilized when wet such that said absorbent core achieves a wet immobilization of more than about 50% according to the Wet Immobilization Test described herein.

23. (New) The absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the front half of said absorbent core comprises more than about 60% of the absorbent capacity.

24. (New) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said first and second substrate layers do not contact each other in areas where said absorbent material is present.